

**Big Hill Pond State Park**  
is located on Highway 57 at the  
junction of the Tuscumbia and  
Hatchie State Scenic Rivers.



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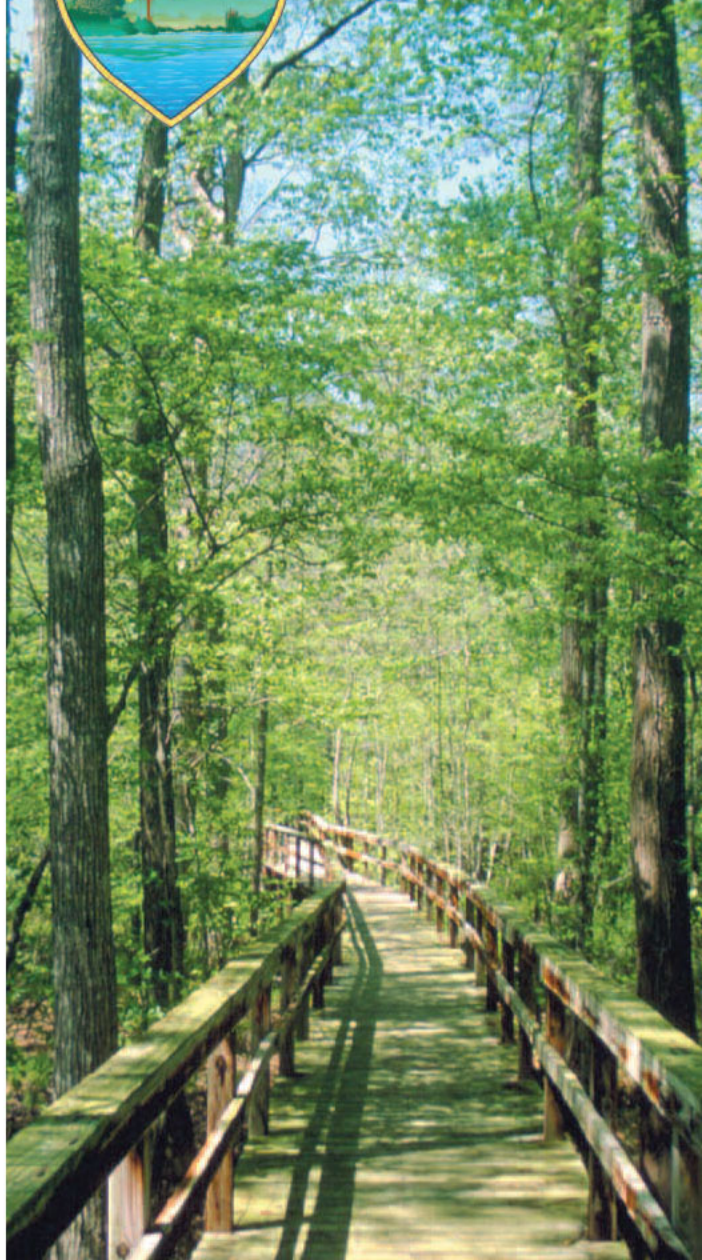
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# TENNESSEE STATE PARKS

## BIG HILL POND

### STATE PARK





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lies in the southwest-  
ern part of McNairy  
County and encom-  
passes approximately  
5,000 acres of magnif-  
icent timberland and  
hard wood bottomland. Cypress Creek and Tuscumbia  
River border the property. Several oxbow lakes and  
slough add to the waterway. The flood plain adjacent to  
both the Tuscumbia River and Cypress Creek contains  
small oxbows and slough areas which are desirable habi-  
tat for waterfowl, wildlife, and fish.



## Historical significance

The Park derives its name from Big Hill Pond which was  
created in 1853 when dirt was scooped from a borrow pit  
to build a levee across the Tuscumbia River and Cypress  
Creek bottoms for the Memphis to Charleston Railroad.  
Over the years, a great stand of Cypress trees has  
grown in and around the 35-acre pond. Most visitors  
and fisherman prefer to walk up the tracks about one  
half mile to access the pond.

## Camping

The campground has 30 developed campsites with  
tables and grills and a modern bathhouse with hot  
showers. The campground does not have any hook-  
ups and there is no dump station in the campground.  
Primitive camping is available for scout groups by spe-  
cial arrangement.

## Picnic Area and Pavilion

The picnic area has 22 tables, grills and a small shelter  
with 8 tables. The restroom is adjacent. The pavilion is  
a first-come first-serve basis and is ADA accessible.

## Boating

There is one boat ramp onto Travis MaNatt Lake. Only  
electric trolling motors are allowed, outboard motors are  
not allowed.

## Bike/Horse Trails

Bike and horse riding is permitted on approximately 14  
miles of trails. These trails are shared by horseback and  
bike riders. Riders must stay on red trails and fire  
roads. Most fire roads are double-back roads. Riders  
are not allowed on hiking trails or front and back of lake  
dam. Riders must observe park rules and regulations  
while on vehicle roads.

## Fishing

Travis McNatt Lake is a spring fed lake that is 165 acres  
large. The lake is available year round and a typical  
catch could be bass, bream, and catfish. A valid State  
of Tennessee fishing license is required. TWRA rules  
and regulations apply

## Hiking

Thirty miles of overnight and day use trails with four  
backpack trail shelters can be found on the park. Five  
miles of hiking trail and two shelters lies south of the  
railroad. This is within our hunting area. Trail map avail-  
able upon request.

## Planned Programs

The park offers a variety of programs upon request for  
all ages, small or large groups of any age welcome.  
Some programs offered guided hikes, local flora and  
fauna, and history of the parks are some examples. The  
ranger can tailor your individual program request.

## Nearby Attractions

- **Davis Bridge Battlefield**,  
Pocahontas, TN, 3 miles
- **Shiloh National Military Park**, 28 miles
- **Buford Pussor Museum**, Adamsville TN,  
29 miles
- **Historic Corinth**, MS, 25 Miles

## Other Nearby State Parks

- **Pickwick Landing State Park**, 32 miles
- **Chickasaw State Park**, 33 miles
- **Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park**,  
39 miles

## Annual Events

- **Bluegrass Music Festival**, first weekend of  
May and second weekend of October

## Other Park Attractions

- **The Boardwalk and Dismal Swamp**  
eight tenths (.8) of a mile long through  
scenic Dismal Swamp.
- **Observation tower**- 70 feet tall, this  
refurbished fire tower offers a panoramic view  
of Travis McNatt Lake and Dismal Swamp.
- **Civil War Earthworks**-railroad guard post  
built by union soldiers.